

Resources Committee reports LB 203 to General File with amendments. That's signed by Senator Beutler. (See pages 1710-21 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, new bill, LB 837. (Read by title for the first time. See page 1721 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now proceed to Item 7 on the agenda, General File and LB 757.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Legislature last considered LB 757 on last week, Thursday of last week. At that time, a portion...Senator Landis, committee amendments had been adopted. There were amendments offered by Senator Landis. A division was requested. Two parts of the division have been adopted. I believe Senator Landis opened on the third portion of the third division relating to IMEs.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis, would you just give us a short refresher on this portion of the amendment, on the IMEs?

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, and I know that we'll have some time after this for amendments. It's easy to confuse the relationship of doctors to patients in this bill because they come up in three different contexts. And it's easy to mistake one context for another. One issue that you've heard about is physician's choice. This is a topic of major concern to a lot of my colleagues on the floor and it's something that we want to make sure that we have a chance to talk about in depth. But doctor choice relates to the treatment of an injured worker and which doctor will do that. A second way in which the doctor-patient relationship comes up is in the topic of managed care. Managed care is a network of health providers which an employer agrees to use with an insurance company and which the workers then have to do business as well as a part of the operation of 757. This managed care network of physicians, hospitals, chiropractors, health care providers, if you will, generally put together by insurance companies, sold as a package to employers, used by employees, approved by the court. The third area and the one we're going to talk about now does not relate to the treatment of an individual. That will be done by a doctor. It does not relate to managed care. It is not part of the network. This has to do with a contested case in which an employee thinks that they've been injured, as part of a